IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as set forth below. A complete listing of the pending claims and their status follows.

5. (Currently amended) A series of operational steps to be performed by a computer, said steps comprising:

storing a plurality of date files within the computer, each said date file having 7 integers including;

a 4-digit decimal year represented in the first four integers of said 7 integers;

a 3 digit decimal day represented in the last three integers of said 7 integers;

in a central processing unit of the computer, adding said 7 integers of one of said plurality of date files to said 7 integers of another of said plurality of date files to generate a sum: and

adding 635 to said sum when the last three integers of said sum is in excess of 365 to generate a new date file representative of a new calendar date.

6. (Currently amended) A series of operational steps to be performed by a computer, said steps comprising:

storing a plurality of date files within the computer, each said date file having 7 integers including;

a 4-digit decimal year represented in the first four integers of said 7 integers;

a 3 digit decimal day represented in the last three integers of said 7 integers;

in a central processing unit of the computer, subtracting said 7 integers of one of said plurality of date files to from said 7 integers of another said plurality of sate files to generate a sum difference: and

subtracting 635 to from said sum difference when the last three integers of said sum difference is in excess of 365 to generate a new date file representative of the number of years and days difference between the date files.